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by Elizabeth Inchbald (1753-1821)

The story could really have been simple: Miss Milner, who is admired for her beauty and charm, could have been a socialite, marry a respectable and good-looking man and be happy by the standards of her time. But if that were so, why would there be a book? Miss Milner, beautiful and charming as she is, announces her wish to marry her guardian, a catholic priest. But women

in the 18th century do not declare their wishes or speak about their passions, and -- after all -- he is a catholic priest... And if he finds a way to marry her, is this her road to happiness?

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